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FOLLOWING REPEAT CALCUTTA 1988 SENT ACTION NEW DELHI

INFO DACCA 13 AUG 76.

QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L CALCUTTA 1988

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, IN, BG

SUBJ: BANGLADESH/INDIA AND THE NAC

1. BANGLADESH DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER ATIQUZZAMAN KHAN, WHO MET WITH BANGLADESH FOREIGN MINISTER AND OTHER OFFICIALS DURING TRANSIT AT CALCUTTA AIRPORT LAST WEEK ON THE WAY TO COLOMBO, TELLS ME THAT AT THAT TIME IT WAS BDG'S DEFINITE INTENTION TO RAISE FARAKKA, BORDER INCIDENTS AND OTHER COMPLAINTS AGAINST INDIA AT THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. KHAN SAYS THE DRAFT OF PRESIDENT SAYEM'S SPEECH THAT DELEGATION MEMBERS WERE CARRYING HAD ALL THESE THINGS IN IT. KHAN THOUGHT IT A BAD TACTIC FOR BANGLADESH TO ATTACK INDIA PUBLICLY AT COLOMBO SINCE THE INDIANS WILL HAVE ALL THE CARDS THERE; HE HOPED THAT AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS AT NAC THE MATERIAL IN SAYEM'S SPEECH ON FARAKKA AND THE BORDER MIGHT BE ELIMINATED OR AT LEAST TONED DOWN.

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2. KHEL SAID FIRING AND INCURSIONS FROM INDIA INTO BANGLADESH INCREASED SHARPLY IN RECENT WEEKS; HE EXPRESSED PUZZLEMENT OVER THIS AND ASKED WHAT I THOUGHT THE REASON COULD BE. I DID NOT TRY TO ANSWER THE QUESTION BUT POINTED OUT THAT THE CALCUTTA PRESS CONTINUES BY AND LARGE TO OBSERVE SILENCE REGARDING BANGLADESH AND SAID IT HAD BEEN TOLD BY A SENIOR WEST BENGAL OFFICIAL THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DEMONSTRATIONS ON AUGUST 15.
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